

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action mailed on January 6, 2010. Claims 1-2, 4-10, 14-16, and 18 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 14, and 18 being in independent form. Claims 3, 12-13, 17, and 19 have been previously cancelled. Claim 11 has been currently cancelled. By the present amendment, Claims 1, 14, and 18 have been amended. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to recite a “display” having a history panel and at least a first panel. It is noted that a “display” is patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the 101 rejection be withdrawn with respect to Claims 1-10 (Claim 11 has been cancelled herein).

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-16, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shalit et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,971). The rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to Claims 1-2, 4-10, 14-16, and 18. Claim 11 has been cancelled herein.

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites, *inter alia*, as follows:

“...wherein the navigation history data **provides a reference for at least one of a number of selections in accordance with a plurality of criteria...**” (emphasis added)

Shalit fails to disclose and/or suggest “...wherein the navigation history data provides a reference for at least one of a number of selections in accordance with a plurality of criteria,” as recited in independent Claim 1.

Shalit discloses an interactive user interface for a computer controlled system to simplify browsing and navigating through information structures. The interface uses a split-pane icon on a window scroll bar, or input and output icons on a window title bar. When activating the split-pane icon by dragging a selected object to it, a new pane opens up displaying the contents of the object. (Abstract)

In contrast, in the present disclosure, and as recited in the amendment claims, the navigation history data includes a reference to at least a number of selections based on different criteria (page 1, paragraph [0018]). In other words, all previous selections may be displayed for user reference or only a select number of previous selections may be displayed depending on predefined criteria/parameters set either by the user or by the system itself. Additionally, Applicants note that the feature of Claim 11 was cancelled and incorporated into Claim 1 in revised language to clarify such feature. It is noted that the Examiner did not address Claim 11 in the present final Office Action. It appears that Shalit only relates to selecting an object from a first panel, dragging such object to a second panel, automatically displaying the contents of the object in the second panel, and controlling the content of the second object via the first panel. Shalit does not appear to be allowing a user to view/select a plurality of selections based on a plurality of criteria, in a simultaneous manner, as presently recited in the amendment claims.

Therefore, Shalit clearly does not teach and/or suggest such feature(s) presented in the amended independent Claims.

Independent Claims 14 and 18 include the same or similar limitations to those of Claim 1, and are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) with respect to Claims 1, 14, and 18 and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 2, 4-10, and 13-16, are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentability of independent Claims 1, 14, and 18. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) with respect to dependent Claims 2, 4-10, and 13-16, and allowance thereof are respectfully requested. Further, dependent Claims 2, 4-10, and 13-16 recite additional patentable features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all Claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-2, 4-10, 14-16, and 18, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

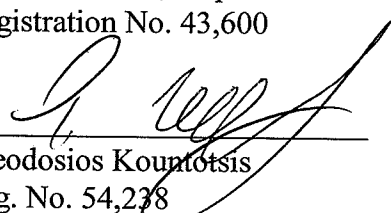
If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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